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LETTER DATED 30 MARCH 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a list giving particulars of the continued violations of the cease-fire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side between 23 February and 18 March 1995.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Iranian violations of the cease-fire and the 1991 Tehran agreement, 23 February-18 March 1995

1. 23 February 1995

At 1630 hours the foreign ship Capriola, which was being towed by the Ukrainian tug Barkut, was detained by the Iranian side near buoy 12.

2. 23 February 1995

At 2100 hours the Indian launch Shakib was attacked and robbed near the Ra's al-Bayshah area.

3. 2 March 1995

At 1000 hours three white Iranian boats began to patrol the Karun river from coordinates 04970 to coordinates 071622 in the Shahiniyah area. At 1020 hours the patrol left for its point of departure.

4. 2 March 1995

At 1400 hours 10 individuals from the Iranian side were observed strengthening the positions at coordinates 514501 inside the area of separation opposite the Fakkah post.

5. 3 March 1995

Five individuals from the Iranian side carrying shovels were observed strengthening the Iranian position at coordinates 503533 inside the area of separation opposite the Fakkah post.

6. 4 March 1995

At 1018 hours an Iranian engineering unit consisting of five Poclains, two bulldozers and three dump-trucks was observed working on the bank of the Shatt al-Arab at coordinates 15715.

7. 5 March 1995

At 1130 hours an Iranian patrol boat with four persons in military uniform on board approached an Iraqi fishing boat in the Sayhan area at coordinates 0958.

8. 5 March 1995

At 1700 hours an Iranian boat with seven persons in black clothing on board proceeded to photograph the Iraqi shore of the Shatt al-Arab from the city of Al-Faw to the end of the Ra's al-Bayshah promontory.

9. 6 March 1995

At 0930 hours an Iranian engineering unit was seen opposite Umm al-Rasas island at coordinates 40705.

10. 6 March 1995

At 1200 hours the Iranian side proceeded to build a 3-metre-high observation post opposite the Ziyadiyah area at coordinates 195559.

11. 7 March 1995

At 0230 hours a group of some 10 Iranians tried to cross from the Iranian position at coordinates 920753 (Kharnubiyah) towards Iraqi territory.

12. 8 March 1995

At 1130 hours a tank equipped for mine-clearance, a military Land-Rover carrying two soldiers and a civilian Land-Rover carrying two civilians came to a halt at coordinates 971335 (Shahlat al-Aghwath). The tank detonated the mines and then returned to Iranian territory with the other two vehicles.

13. 15 March 1995

At 0950 hours a helicopter flying at medium altitude was seen coming from the Iranian rear. It disappeared behind the hills at coordinates 518529 opposite the Fakkah post.

14. 15 March 1995

At 1810 hours a vehicle carrying a machine-gun approached and took up a position in the boundary area at coordinates 4305. Eight Iranians then proceeded to dig positions and a trench in the same area, inside the area of separation.

15. 17 March 1995

At 1530 hours the Iranian side proceeded to man one of the old Iranian positions opposite the Iraqi units at coordinates 542462 to the south of Fakkah and opposite the Duwayrij border post. Four tents were pitched and a large hut erected and roofed with corrugated iron sheets. Three vehicles were seen. Then a PKC medium machine-gun was installed inside the area of separation.

16. 17 March 1995

At 0800 hours the Iranian side opened a new position flying a white flag and manned by eight soldiers armed with a GC weapon at coordinates 175577.

17. 18 March 1995

At 0900 hours an Iranian fighter aircraft coming from Abadan towards Ra's al-Bayshah at high altitude violated Iraqi airspace. It subsequently returned to Iranian airspace.